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Dr. Jeff Koenings, Director  
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Re: Regional Meeting

Dear Jeff:


Thank you for holding the fourth Region II meeting in Pateros on September 8, 2004, in which a number of Pateros businesses and community members were in attendance. We look forward to the implementation of the ideas discussed and seeing the results.

We welcomed your input and the discussions on the opening and closing of the fishing and hunting seasons. Our businesses look forward with anticipation to these opening dates because it is such an economic boost to our area and Okanogan County. Our area is very dependent on tourism, and creating a stable steelhead fishery increases the recreational dollars to our community.

As stated at the meeting, Pateros is undertaking a Business District Plan and will be utilizing various agencies for insight in the development of this plan. We know we can count on your agency as a resource for information.

The people and businesses in Pateros need the annual steelhead fishery to happen. If there is some way that the City of Pateros can assist with in ensuring that the steelhead fishing occurs, please let us know.

Sincerely,



Gail A. Howe  
Mayor